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Gang Member Charged with Panorama City Double Murder

A Langdon Street gang member has been charged with the murder of two men at a 7-11 parking lot in Panorama City, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Scott Marcus of the Hardcore Gang Division said Angel Santana (dob 3/11/85) faces two counts of murder with a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders and one count of attempted murder.

Arraignment is scheduled tomorrow morning in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Case LA078686 was filed on Aug. 5 and includes the allegations that a handgun was used and that the crime was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

The felony complaint also includes two prior conviction allegations for carjacking and robbery in 2005.

Miles Deshawn and Maron States were shot to death in the convenience store parking lot on Sepulveda and Roscoe boulevards on July 17. A third victim was shot but survived.

The prosecutor says the defendant, whose gang moniker is "Lil Angel," and an unknown accomplice, declared their gang affiliation and told the victims to leave the area before killing them.

Because it is a special circumstance murder case, prosecutors are requesting that no bail be set for Santana. A decision on whether to seek the death penalty or a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole will be made at a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Mission Division.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

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